

Student Association Presidential Campaign

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1 Main Presidential Campaign

The main reason which I am running for Student Association President is to call attention to the lack of transparency in the organization. The SA's main function, besides student advocacy, is to be the governing body over the vast number of student organizations created by, developed by, and administered by the students. Through personal experience in student organizations on campus, I have been frustrated with the way these obligations to the student body have been carried out. If elected, I will seek reforms that will provide organizations on campus with the information they deserve and financial parity for all student organizations.

For example, I want to change the budget process through which student organizations obtain funds for their activities. Student organizations deserve a budget process that is more transparent than the current system and an appeals process that is more fair and equitable. I understand that the SA has constraints in its own budget and that not every activity can be funded equally, but that does not mean detailed explanations for allocations cannot be provided. The fact that student organizations were asked to provide extremely detailed budget requests but inadequate and small allocations with essentially no explanation is a problem.

Meaningful steps like these will lead to a healthier relationship between students and the SA. As President I would use my role in advocacy to bring attention to what the SA can truly reform through action, and not just through words.

2 Main Presidential Campaign Bullet Points

- The SA's main responsibility is to the student organization through which the University supports and funds student run activities on campus
 - As a whole it has severely lacked in financial transparency in the budget process by which student organizations receive funds.
 - Student organizations are entitled to know every single factor considered in funding decision processes, and what the final reasons are for allocations they receive.
 - I want to reform what the SA truly has influence over, which in recent years has been overshadowed by issues which the SA has no direct control over
 - There needs to be an equal balance between advocacy and action.